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Dear Sirs;

I find the settlement between the DoJ and Microsoft to be astonishingly lenient. In my opinion, it amounts to a very light "slap on the wrist" for Microsoft, and should have been far harsher than it was.

As a heavy user of computers and software, I have observed over the years as Microsoft repeatedly mimicked, if not stole, ideas from some of the best hardware and software companies, then used its power to sometimes force the public to use its lesser copies. While it wasn't always force, Microsoft did make it very difficult for people like me to continue using the better quality materials.

This is the simple face of the case, and all the millions of dollars spent on dancing around the issue are a complete waste of taxpayer money in light of the fact that virtually nothing will be done about this unethical practice.

Regards,

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